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SUBJECT: JOINT FRG/USSR PROJECT: KURSK STEEL PLANT

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1. THERE FOLLOW EXTRACTS PERTAINING TO THE KURSK PROJECT FROM  
REMARKS BY FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH AND DEPUTY  
CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VLADIMIR N. NOWIKOW  
AT THE FORMAL OPENING MARCH 23 OF THE USSR TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
EXHIBITION AT DUESSELDORF:

2. FRIDERICH: QUOTE: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WELCOMES PLANS  
BY LARGE GERMAN STEEL FIRMS TO BUILD A GIGANTIC STEEL MILL  
NEAR KURSK IN WHICH SOVIET NATURAL GAS WILL BE USED TO REFINE  
IRON, PART OF WHICH WILL THEN BE DELIVERED TO THE FRG. END  
QUOTE.

3. NOWIKOW: QUOTE: I AM HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT THE  
NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL MILL  
COMPLEX EMPLOYING THE PROCESS OF DIRECT REDUCTION OF IRON ON  
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THE BASIS OF THE IRON ORE DEPOSITS AT KURSK, IN WHICH FIRMS

FROM THE FRG WILL TAKE PART, HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE  
SIGNING OF THE GENERAL CONTRACT ON MARCH 21. THIS IS A  
VERY LARGE PROJECT WHICH WE HOPE WILL PROVIDE BOTH SIDES  
ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE IN OUR COOPERATION. END QUOTE.HENNEMEYER

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